

### **26-3-1 Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Disclosure" or "disclose" means the communication of health data to any individual or organization outside the department.
- (2) "Health data" means any information, except vital records as defined in Section 26-2-2, relating to the health status of individuals, the availability of health resources and services, and the use and cost of these resources and services.
- (3) "Identifiable health data" means any item, collection, or grouping of health data which makes the individual supplying it or described in it identifiable.
- (4) "Individual" means a natural person.
- (5) "Organization" means any corporation, association, partnership, agency, department, unit, or other legally constituted institution or entity, or part of any of these.
- (6) "Research and statistical purposes" means the performance of activities relating to health data, including:
  - (a) describing the group characteristics of individuals or organizations;
  - (b) analyzing the interrelationships among the various characteristics of individuals or organizations;
  - (c) the conduct of statistical procedures or studies to improve the quality of health data;
  - (d) the design of sample surveys and the selection of samples of individuals or organizations;
  - (e) the preparation and publication of reports describing these matters; and
  - (f) other related functions.

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